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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Atsuhiko OHTA et al.

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For: STEEL BAR FOR STEERING RACK, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME, AND STEERING RACK USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: